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December 31, 2009

Re: GN Docket No. 09-191

Chairman Julius Genachowski
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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

The Nevada Women's Fund, with its core mission of empowering women to improve their lives and the lives of their families, understands the unique challenges women, children and families face as they struggle to achieve self-sufficiency. As such, we're keenly aware of the need to reach everyone with broadband access to connect communities with education and jobs. Unfortunately, our organization is very concerned by your proposed rulemaking outlined in FCC Docket No. 09-191, "In the Matter of Preserving the Open Internet."

For more than 25 years, the Nevada Women's Fund has served women in our community through grants and scholarships, providing hope, opportunity and the tools and resources they need to succeed. We wholeheartedly agree in your larger effort to ensure that broadband access is truly within reach of every American, but where we beg to differ with you and your esteemed colleagues is in how to achieve this noble goal.

Our slogan, "inspiring achievement", we believe captures the very essence of the debate over broadband access and, more specifically, net neutrality. We firmly believe that the lack of regulation over the Internet has not only inspired but allowed for the rapid fire development and expansion of the network and

technologies that are empower women's lives – and every American's life – each and every day.

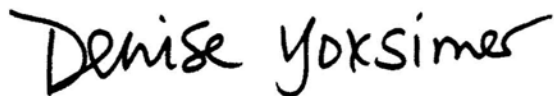
Now is not the time to create rules that will hinder the significant private sector investment in the further expansion and development of the Internet and the networks that carry its content.

Anything that stands to create an uneven playing field—as the proposed rules would no doubt do—would hurt the very communities of aspiring leaders we aim to cultivate. By creating rules for a problem that simply does not appear to exist truly puts the cart before the horse and creates a situation that will not drive us forward. Net neutrality at its core seeks to pick winners and losers and place unreasonable burdens on the network backbone providers while rewarding a select number of content providers. In the end, it is the consumers themselves who stand to suffer most if such rules are enacted.

Let us look to ways where we can do the least harm—in this case, that means less heavy handed government interference into an area that has truly flourished and improved in its reach, affordability and accessibility in recent years.

Please reconsider instituting formal net neutrality rules at the FCC. On behalf of Nevada's women, children and the communities we serve, we appreciate your careful and thoughtful consideration on this crucial issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denise Yoxsimer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'D'.

Denise Yoxsimer
President & CEO